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OXENDINE: METRO ATLANTA CLAIMS ADJUSTER ARRESTED FOR FRAUD

Atlanta – Insurance Commissioner John W. Oxendine announced the arrest today of a woman who allegedly stole more than \$150,000 from the insurance company that employed her.

Arrested was Jennifer Lee Summerville, 27, of 330 Club Parkway, Norcross. Summerville was charged with one count each of insurance fraud, computer fraud, theft by taking, and printing checks with fictitious information, all felonies, the Commissioner said. She was booked into the DeKalb County Jail; bond has not yet been set.

Summerville was charged in connection with fraudulent activities that occurred at her previous place of employment, Columbia Insurance Group, of 2799 Lawrenceville Highway, Decatur. Columbia is an insurance company based out of Missouri, Commissioner Oxendine said.

The investigation by Oxendine's Fraud Unit revealed that \$154,327 was stolen from a period beginning July 20, 1999, and ending Feb. 3, 2000, the Commissioner said. The investigation is continuing.

Summerville worked as a claims adjuster at Columbia, where she is accused of cutting checks in the names of people not part of legitimate auto accident claims. The investigation revealed she allegedly used personal acquaintances that recruited third parties to cash the checks, Oxendine said.

The cash would then be divided three ways, between the recruiter, the third party and Summerville, who received most of the money, Commissioner Oxendine said.

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